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September 22, 2005

Re: **Magten Asset Management Corp. (In re: NorthWestern Corporation)**

The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.  
United States District Court  
for the District of Delaware  
844 King Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Judge Farnan:

We are counsel to Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP ("Paul Hastings"). We write in response to the letter dated September 16, 2005 submitted to the Court by counsel for Magten Asset Management Corporation ("Magten"), requesting a scheduling conference to address matters currently pending before the Court.

We respectfully suggest that a scheduling conference in this case is premature at this time. Paul Hastings believes that the issues raised by Case No. 04-1389, in which NorthWestern has moved to dismiss Magten's pending appeal of the confirmation order on mootness grounds, would resolve most if not all of the matters currently before this Court. Until such time as the Court decides NorthWestern's motion to dismiss Magten's appeal, therefore, Paul Hastings does not believe that a scheduling conference is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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